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Going for the gold



Local flair. Metro gives you the lowdown on all of the regional athletes who will be competing in the upcoming 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Russia. **No sleep till Sochi.** Jazmine Fenlator, Matt Mortensen and Josephine Pucci are chomping at the bit to bring home a medal. PAGE 02

U.S. bobsled team pilot Jazmine Fenlator and brakewoman Lolo Jones will compete in the Winter Olympics. / GETTY IMAGES

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Local Olympic athletes to compete in the games

Best of the best.

These hometown heroes are the ones to watch this month.

Two New Yorkers and a North New Jersey native are now in Sochi, Russia, where they will soon compete in the 2014 Winter Olympics.

All three have overcome serious adversity and multiple attempts to make the U.S. Olympic teams to finally arrive at the penultimate sporting competition of this year.

The competitors, Jazmine Fenlator, Matt Mortensen and Josephine Pucci, run the gamut of Winter Olympic sports from bobsled to luge to hockey. Their stories are just as interesting as the sports that they play, and the medals that they soon hope to carry home.

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"My teammates and I worked hard the past couple of years to prepare and I feel that we're very ready for it."

Matt Mortensen

Long time coming

Bobsled driver Fenlator takes unlikely path to Olympic Games

Jazmine Fenlator grew up watching the movie "Cool Runnings," but the Olympic bobsledder never thought she'd end up like the characters in the 1993 film.

Fenlator, 28, always wanted to be in the Olympics, but she thought she would dance her way into the games. "I told my mom I was going to be a Broadway star one day and because I loved the Olympic Games, I said I'd make modern dance part of the Olympics." Fenlator, who grew up in Wayne, N.J., even auditioned for "The Lion King" on Broadway.

She stuck with her Olympic dreams, but changed her focus to track when she was in college. Fenlator was a

star thrower for Rider University when her college coach gave her the idea to switch to bobsledding. "I brushed him off at first but he filled out an athletic résumé for me and sent it in to the [U.S.] bobsled federation," she said. "When the opportunity came to try out for bobsled, I thought, 'How cool is it that a national team sport wants you to try out for them?'"

Fenlator said her strength and short distance speed showed her potential during athletic tests for the team. Three weeks later, she was competing in team trial events.

As she prepared for the Vancouver Olympics, Fenlator learned how to drive a bobsled and fell in love. Though she did not qualify for Vancouver, her switch to pilot has been a success: Fenlator has earned three World Cup medals over the last

two seasons. She will share her sled with two-time Summer Olympian Lolo Jones.

"I definitely forced her to watch 'Cool Runnings' last year," laughed Fenlator. "I said, 'It is mandatory for you to watch this movie and appreciate the sport and comedic values.'"



JAZMINE FENLATOR STARTED OFF A TRACK STAR BEFORE FALLING IN LOVE WITH BOBSLEDDING.

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Dream fulfilled

Third time's the charm for luger Mortensen

Matt Mortensen, 28, had no idea what luge was until he showed up for a tryout at the age of 10.

Mortensen, who is from Huntington Station, N.Y., went with his family to SUNY College at Old Westbury for a tryout.

"There were wheeled luge sleds and the guys there were all former athletes or current athletes who taught us how to steer. ... By the end of the day, you're going in and out of cones on the road and doing agility tests," he said.

Mortensen said he took to the sport and admired the athletes he met at the tryouts.

Mortensen got cut after his first two tryouts for the U.S. Junior Na-



Matt Mortensen will compete in luge at the Sochi Olympics. / NANCIE BATTAGLIA

Ready to go

"My teammates and I worked hard the past couple of years to prepare and I feel we're very ready for it."

Mortensen

tional Luge team, but he said that the rejections didn't bother him.

Overcoming adversity

Pucci hopes to beat Canada, take gold

A concussion left Josephine Pucci, 23, unable to attend school or play hockey for Harvard during the 2012-2013 season. Pucci could barely exercise, let alone play a game, after her injury in August 2012, but she didn't let that stop her from gearing up for Olympic tryouts in June.

"When I was finally able to exercise fully and read and mentally exert myself, I got back into shape and played my first game at the tryouts," she told Metro.

After making the cut, the Pearl River, N.Y., native spent all of her time working out and practicing. "Every single day is so mentally and physically challenging," she said.



Josephine Pucci
U.S.A. HOCKEY

But she said the hard work paid off when she found out she was joining the U.S. Olympic women's ice hockey team.

Pucci has been waiting for this moment at least since she was in the eighth grade. "In my yearbook, one of the questions was, 'What is your goal in life?' And I put down, 'To play in the Olympics.'"



Philip Seymour Hoffman was found dead in his apartment on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

Autopsy of actor's body inconclusive

Tests. The cause of Philip Seymour Hoffman's death was undetermined Wednesday pending further investigation.

Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman's cause of death remained undetermined Wednesday pending further tests, according to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office.

Hoffman's autopsy was inconclusive. A toxicology screening is among the tests yet to be completed by the medical examiner, according to a source.

The Academy Award-winning actor's body was discovered Sunday in the bathroom of his West Village apartment, officials said. A law enforcement official said he was found with a needle in his arm, dead of what investigators believe was a drug overdose.

Dozens of bags of heroin were found in the apartment, police said, but preliminary testing reportedly did not find

Arrests

Four individuals were arrested Tuesday night in connection with the drugs found in Hoffman's apartment, according to police and multiple reports.

- They were arrested after

a raid on a Manhattan building around 7 p.m.

- Cops were still trying to determine a direct connection between Hoffman's death and the arrests Wednesday.

More testing to come

Early tests reportedly failed to find in Hoffman's system a compound called fentanyl, a powerful pain reliever that has been linked to dozens of deaths.

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Officers raided an East Village apartment building in Manhattan around 7 p.m. after receiving a tip that a dealer who sold to the actor was there.

A search warrant was obtained prior to the raid, police said, and heroin

was found in the Mott Street apartments.

After they were questioned, police charged Robert Vineberg, 57, and Thomas Cushman, 48, with felony drug possession of a controlled substance. Vineberg also was charged with criminal use of drug paraphernalia.

Max Rosenblum, 22, and Juliana Luchkiw, 22, were charged with criminal use of drug paraphernalia, criminal use of a controlled drug substance and unlawful possession of marijuana, police said.

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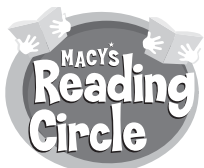
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Donations for blood down during storms



The recent spate of snowy weather has caused blood supplies to run low. / GETTY IMAGES

Shortage. Officials are warning of a potential blood supply "emergency" during a string of winter storms.

As the five boroughs are battered by a slew of winter storms, the city faces a blood donation shortage, officials said.

"We've had this string of storms, a lot of the blood donations that normally come in have not happened," Mayor Bill de Blasio said Wednesday amid the second snowstorm of the week.

Officials said dozens of blood drives have been canceled because of recent storms and attendance is greatly reduced by those drives still held.

Five of eight major blood types are below

To donate

New Yorkers can learn more about donating by:

- Calling 800-933-2566
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Canceled

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More than 100 blood drives were canceled because of recent storms, the New York Blood Center said.

target levels, according to the New York Blood Center. Meeting needs of cancer patients and others requiring platelets, which are necessary for clotting, also has been difficult, the center said.

"We have a very serious situation on our

Critical

"We have a very serious situation on our hands where we need blood donations and we need them quickly."

De Blasio

hands where we need blood donations and we need them quickly," de Blasio said.

Demand for blood types, particularly the universal O-negative type useful in trauma situations, remains high in hospitals.

"While we're confident in our ability to supply our partner hospitals, we're still struggling with the effects of the snow and ice this week, and worried about an even bigger hit this weekend," New York Blood Center Vice President Rob Purvis said in a statement.

"It is critical that we all pitch in by donating blood to ensure that supplies aren't further diminished in the days ahead," he added.

De Blasio said he plans on donating blood and urged others to do the same.

"That would be very helpful to your fellow New Yorkers," de Blasio said. "If you're in a position to donate blood please do so as quickly as possible."

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Winter woes

State warns of road salt shortage

Gov. Andrew Cuomo warned of a road salt shortage in downstate New York amid the second of three expected winter storms to hit the city this week.

"The shortage of salt is a complicating factor," Cuomo said Wednesday.

Cuomo said the city was among localities suffering from a salt shortage. Some 3,500 tons were sent to areas facing shortages.

"We have enough of a supply now to be able to help localities that have



Sanitation workers assist with a snowplow. / GETTY IMAGES

a truly dire situation," he said.

Though city officials said sufficient salt is available for this storm and the next, First Deputy Mayor Tony Shorris said additional supplies were accepted

from the state.

"Given that it's been a heavy winter and we haven't been too lucky too far on this, it seemed prudent to try and make sure we got salt from everywhere we could," he said. ANNA SANDERS



Surveillance photos of a crowd outside Astramed Physicians, last June, show Dr. Robert Terdiman, center in the white shirt, among the crowd. / OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTOR

Bronx doctor accused of funneling pills into black market

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Score. The physician is reported to be at the heart of one of the biggest pill rings in the region.

A Bronx doctor who allegedly funneled \$90 million in pills into the black market pleaded not guilty on Wednesday.

Prosecutors placed Dr. Robert Terdiman at the center of one of the largest pill mills in the Northeast, allegedly pouring more than 3 million

oxycodone pills into the black market since June 2012.

Earlier this week, federal officials arrested Terdiman and 20 others connected to the ring.

The Yonkers-based doctor is charged with writing some 18,700 prescriptions — almost exclusively for oxycodone — to fake patients in nearly two years from the South Bronx-based Astramed Physicians clinic.

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara compared the world of prescription drug trafficking to the "old-school

trafficking in narcotics like heroin, cocaine and crack."

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CVS first big drugstore chain to drop cigs

Former smoker.

President Obama praised the move, saying CVS had set a powerful example.

CVS Caremark Corp. said on Wednesday that it would stop selling tobacco

products at its 7,600 stores by October, becoming the first national drugstore chain in the United States to take cigarettes off the shelves. Public health experts called the decision by CVS a precedent-setting step that could pressure other retailers to follow suit. CVS, whose Caremark unit is a major pharmacy benefits manager for corpo-

Quoted

"Today's decision will help advance my administration's efforts to reduce tobacco-related deaths, cancer and heart disease, as well as bring down health care costs."

President Obama, in a statement

rations and the U.S. government's Medicare program, said the decision would strengthen its position as a health care provider.

Pharmacists have had a long tradition of being a source of community health information, a tradition drugstore chains have embraced by putting walk-in clinics in their stores.

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CVS started its MinuteClinic retail health centers in 2000. / GETTY IMAGES

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hot and cold cereal and bread. Previous studies have tied whole grain intake to a reduced risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease among adults.

The health benefits are in part attributed to the fiber in whole grains. "Most people do not consume whole grains in amounts that can be most beneficial, also many people, even health professionals, are confused about the relationship between whole grain and fiber," Marla Reicks told Reuters Health in an email. REUTERS



Four congressmen urge North Korea to free Bae

The last surviving members of the U.S. Congress to have served in the Korean War have sent a letter to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un asking him to release imprisoned American missionary Kenneth Bae. Charles Rangel from New York and John Conyers Jr. from Michigan, both Democrats, and Republicans Sam Johnson from Texas and Howard Coble from North Carolina authored the letter. Bae, 45, has been held for more than a year by North Korea, which convicted him of trying to overthrow the state and sentenced him to 15 years of hard labor. Rangel and a congressman from Washington state, where Bae lived, invited his family to attend President Barack Obama's State of the Union speech last month. REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES

Anheuser Busch buys New York craft brewer Blue Point



Sales from craft breweries like Blue Point Brewing are growing nationwide. / TWITTER

Local brew. Blue Point was founded 15 years go in Patchogue, N.Y.

Anheuser-Busch InBev SA has struck a deal to buy New York microbrewery Blue Point Brewing Co., as the world's largest beer maker seeks to increase its offerings in the fast-growing craft-beer segment.

The companies, which announced the deal in a statement on Wednesday, did not disclose terms of the deal. Blue Point sold around 60,000 barrels of

Craft brewing industry

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While still accounting for just a small part of U.S. beer sales, the craft brewing industry has grown from a niche market 20 years ago into a nearly \$12 billion business in 2012, according to the Boulder, Colorado-based Brewers Association.

beer in 2013, with sales concentrated along the U.S. East Coast.

Growth of the craft brewing industry in 2012 was 15 percent by volume, compared with 0.9 percent growth for overall beer sales, the Brewers Association said.

Some of the world's top brewers have taken notice, snapping up independent brewers around the United States.

For instance, Anheuser-Busch InBev bought Chicago-based brewer Goose Island in 2011 and Belgium's Duvel Moergat bought Kansas City's Boulevard Brewing Co. in October.

Among its top brands are its flagship Blue Point Toasted Lager, Hoptical Illusion and Blueberry Ale.

The companies said the deal will provide the brewer with more resources to meet growing demand for its beers.

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Technology

Mobile data to jump about eight-fold by 2018

The volume of data crossing U.S. mobile networks will grow almost eight-fold by 2018, and demand for Internet-connected devices will also skyrocket, according to a report released on Wednesday that poses questions about U.S. spectrum policy.

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Hackers. State AG says many companies lax with data security

U.S. companies that have fallen prey to hackers, exposing the private information of millions of customers, have often failed to take basic security precautions to protect data, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan told a House of Representatives committee hearing on Wednesday.

Madigan said previous investigations, conducted before the recent spate of high-profile breaches,

had turned up repeated instances where companies allowed their systems to retain unencrypted data, failed to install software patches for known vulnerabilities and kept information longer than necessary.

Madigan said her office and that of Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen are now leading a multi-state investigation into recent data breaches.

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sponsors to condemn
Russian anti-gay law**Rule.** Athletes who wish to speak out risk violating rule outlawing political protests at games.

Activists from the All Out gay rights group were staging protests in 20 cities around the world on Wednesday, with plans to gather outside branches of Olympic sponsor McDon-

ald's in New York and Paris.

Rights groups have also written to the heads of the 10 global Olympic sponsors — which also include U.S. consumer goods group Procter & Gamble and Coca-Cola — calling on them to use their marketing to promote equality.

"All Out members and global consumers are calling on Olympic sponsors to finally speak out against the persecution of gays and lesbians in Russia," said Andre Banks, who is based in



Sochi Olympics / GETTY IMAGES

New York and is one of the founders of All Out.

"These brands have spent millions to align themselves with the Olympics, but have repeatedly refused to support the founding principles of the games," he added. **REUTERS**

AT&T

US sponsor
condemns
Russian
anti-gay law

AT&T, a sponsor of the U.S. Olympic team, has

publicly criticized Winter Games host Russia over its "gay propaganda" law, adding to the pressure on other major companies to speak out.

"Russia's law is harmful to LGBT individuals

and families, and it's harmful to a diverse society," AT&T said in a blog post that also encouraged others involved with the Olympics to support the LGBT community. **REUTERS**

Don't mess with TX

'Don't whiz on the Alamo,' Texas tells man facing jail

An El Paso man faces up to 18 months in jail after pleading guilty to urinating on the Alamo, the iconic structure seen by many as the symbol of the Texas spirit.

"The message is, 'don't whiz on the Alamo,'" Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed, said in a statement that added she would oppose any request for probation.

Daniel Athens, 23, pleaded guilty in a San Antonio court to the felony of Criminal Mischief of a Public Monument or Place of Human Burial, which carries a punishment of up to two years in jail.

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Scathing. UN report demands Vatican act against child sex abuse

The United Nations on Wednesday accused the Vatican of systematically turning a blind eye to decades of sexual abuse of children by priests, and demanded it immediately turn over known or suspected offenders to civil justice.

In a scathingly blunt report, the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child said Church

officials had imposed a "code of silence" on clerics and moved abusers from parish to parish "in an attempt to cover up such crimes."

The Vatican called the report "distorted" and "unfair" and said the United Nations had ignored steps taken in the past decade to protect children.

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Distasteful action

Turkish students convicted over Nazi salute at Auschwitz

A Polish court on Wednesday sentenced two Turkish students, in absentia, to a suspended prison sentence after finding them guilty of making Nazi salutes at the site of the Auschwitz death camp in southern Poland.

The two, a man and a woman, are both 22-year-old students. They were detained last December by museum guards at the site where some 1.5 million people perished between 1940 and 1945.

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HITLER NAZI SALUTE

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In private diaries

Pope John Paul II asked: Am I serving God?

Pope John Paul II spent decades constantly questioning whether he was worthy of the role he was called to carry out, according to private diaries published

on Wednesday in defiance of his request that they be destroyed.

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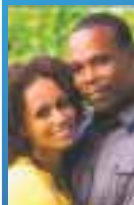
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Kerry tells France business trip to Iran 'not helpful'

Wrong impression.
Some Congress members say it is unwise to ease sanctions now.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has told his French counterpart a trip to Iran by French executives was "not helpful" and that it gave the wrong impression that the West could do business with Tehran as usual, a U.S. official said.

Under an interim deal reached by Iran and six world powers in Novem-

ber, Tehran agreed to limit parts of its nuclear work in return for the easing of some international sanctions.

The deal called for negotiation of a full agreement within a year. The easing of sanctions, which began in late January, has prompted Western firms to race for business opportunities.

Iran welcomed more than 100 executives from France's biggest firms on Monday.

"Secretary Kerry has talked directly to Foreign Minister [Laurent] Fabius about the trade delegation ... about how this is not helpful," Under-Secretary

Quoted

"Tehran is not open for business because our sanctions relief is quite temporary, quite limited and quite targeted." Sherman

of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman told U.S. lawmakers in Washington on Tuesday.

Sherman and U.S. Treasury Under-Secretary David Cohen also sought to address concerns in Congress that too many concessions had been made to Iran in the nuclear talks. **REUTERS**

Almost a record

18-ft. Burmese python found in Fla. Everglades

Engineers in the Everglades stumbled upon a near-record-breaking Burmese python measuring more than 18 feet long during a routine inspection of levees on Tuesday, a water management district spokesman said.

The snake, measuring at 18 feet 2 inches, fell short of the state record by 6 inches, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Con-



They can grow to more than 20 feet in Southeast Asia. / GETTY IMAGES

So many snakes

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Officials have said the python population is believed to have grown to as many as 150,000 in the Everglades.

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Last year, a snake collector in the state discovered the largest python on record there, measuring 18 feet 8 inches, commission spokeswoman Katie Johnson said. **REUTERS**

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"Yank a dog's leash and you're gonna get the teeth." Is that an expression? I was pretty sure it was an expression until I typed it out, but now I'm pretty sure that it is not. At any rate, in the scenario referred to in this expression I may have just made up, George Zimmerman has the leash in his hand and DMX is the dog.

On Tuesday, I reported here that Zimmerman was all jazzed up about wanting to fight Kanye West in a "celebrity boxing tournament" (put on by Philly boxing promoter Damon Feldman, who has pitted the likes

DMX dogs Zimmerman



of Tonya Harding and Paula Jones against each other in the past.

Yeezy is too busy off having an actual career, being a certified genius and not traveling to Pennsylvania to trade

blows with a common thug to show up for this charade. DMX's calendar, however, is wide open.

The Ruff Ryder turned "Couples Therapy" reality personality (very street) has made it clear

that he's up for the job of giving Zimmerman the beatdown that the legal system failed to (metaphorically) serve up.

The 43-year-old rapper has taken to the Internet to let Zimmerman and the world know that X Gon' Give it to Ya and that the 30-year-old "neighborhood watchman" better be ready to Get It on the Floor because Where the Hood at is Right Here. By the end of this fight, Zimmerman will not need to ask What's My Name because he'll be KO-ed, which is really, in the end, What These Bitches Want.

OK, OK. He didn't say

any of that, I mostly just wanted to make some DMX song title puns — also this Spotify trip through his back catalog has been delightful.

What X did say is far more, er, colorful. And much less punny.

"Once I am done with him, I am going to whip my d— out and piss on him ... right in his muthaf—in face," DMX told TMZ. "Zimmerman is a piece of s— and that's what he needs to drink."

Um. Well, OK. That brings a whole new meaning to "hit the showers, boys," at any rate.



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'Tonight' is the night, right?

Tonight marks Jay Leno's final episode as host of "The Tonight Show" ... allegedly. We've reported this news before, when Leno passed that baton to Conan O'Brien in 2009, only to take that baton right back a few months later. It's sort of like the late night show equivalent of Jay Z retiring. But this time, Leno insists he's retiring from "The Tonight Show" er, um, tonight, and giving the hosting duties to Jimmy Fallon, for real, no-givesies-backsies. If this is just another ploy designed to keep Leno's chin relevant, we're just hoping Fallon can make it through the sketch without breaking character.

THE WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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Vote for Aiken

Where does one go after being a runner-up on "American Idol"? Usually a fourth-rate reality show on, like, WE tv and a part-time job at Applebees. It's rarely a bid for an important governmental position.

Clay Aiken, whose ginger visage became famous for a minute in 2003 thanks to "Idol," has just announced that he's running for Congress. No, I didn't read this in The Onion. Bet that'd be a funny bit, though. It's true: He's running for the North Carolina Democratic seat currently held by Rep. Renee Ellmers. (I looked that up. Me knowing that would also be Onion-worthy.)

There are so many jokes to be made here that my brain has

just gone into overload and, instead of producing all the witticisms I KNOW can be mined from this, all it's doing is playing "Invisible" on endless loop.

Who is Aiken's campaign manager going to be? Ruben Studdard? (Aim high, Aiken. I hear Seacrest will do just about anything for the right price.) And what's his platform going to be? "Pizza and ice cream for every meal?"

On a serious note, Aiken, despite having made some seriously awful music, seems like a decent guy and has made it clear that he has no experience in politics, but would like to make a difference in what he perceives to be a flawed system. I feel you, bro.

Plus, there is a precedent for people who have no clue what they're doing or talking about — or how they even got here right now — making it into super high seats of political power. His name rhymes with "gorge double-true tush."

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CULTURE



Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Dwayne Johnson is up early as usual, Jaden Smith is eager to unveil something new, Elizabeth Banks is a woman of her word and Sarah Silverman doesn't like her options.

@TheRock: They sleep. We grind. #NoSnooze ButtonDammit

@officialjaden: I Should Just Drop Day10 Right Now So You Can Understand Who Your Talking To, But O Tells Me To Be Patient. And I Listen, For Once.

@ElizabethBanks: I promised you immaturity on @TheDailyShow, and I believe I delivered.

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2 'The Monuments Men'

George Clooney's fourth film from behind the camera was bumped from last year's awards season to February — but maybe that's not a bad thing? Clooney also co-stars as a member of a WWII platoon out to rescue art from Nazi plunder.

3 'Vampire Academy'

Because there's always some bloodsucker novels to turn into a film, here's yet another one. The twist is our lead (Zoey Deutch) is only a half-vampire. The real twist is it was written by Daniel Waters ("Heathers") and directed by his brother Mark ("Mean Girls"), both who know something about skewering school life.

4 'The Last of the Unjust'

Claude Lanzmann, filmmaker of the seminal 10-hour Holocaust documentary "Shoah," returns with more unused footage, this time featuring chats with Benjamin Murelstein, a Jewish elder who helped Adolf Eichmann run the Theresienstadt camp.

5 'Kids for Cash'

A case already adapted



"The Lego Movie" features the vocal work of no less than Morgan Freeman, who represents the center character above. / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Must-see**'The Lego Movie'**

1 If the idea of a movie based on toy blocks seems inexplicable, at least someone was passionate enough to hire talented "21 Jump Street" guys Phil Lord and Chris Miller to do it. Among the over-qualified voice actors are Alison Brie and Elizabeth Banks.

ADMIT ONE

Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.



for "Law and Order: SVU" and "The Good Wife" gets its own doc, which looks at a Pennsylvania county that saw some 3,000 kids sent to detention centers. As it turns out, the sentencing judge was convicted for taking kickbacks in exchange for alleged delinquents.

6 'A Field in England'

Last seen with the delightful murder comedy "Sightseers," Ben Wheatley turns to

this odd curio: a black-and-white psychedelic trip into madness about English Civil War deserters kidnapped by a psychopath.

7 'A Fantastic Fear of Everything'

Simon Pegg plays a children's author whose venture into the world of crime novels has turned him into a paranoid wreck. The writer and co-director is Hayley Mills' son (and Kula Shaker frontman) Crispian.

8 'Love & Air Sex'

An early front-runner for 2014's most curious film title, this indie finds a sad sack who journeys to Austin just in time to watch two of his friends go through a vicious breakup.

9 'Ride Along'

Surely the Ice Cube circa "Straight Outta Compton" always imagined he'd be doing little else but playing cops. Here, the ex-N.W.A. member decides to torture the diminutive, motormouth wannabe-offi-

cer (Kevin Hart) who wants to marry his sister.

10 'That Awkward Moment'

Two of last year's bigger breakouts, Michael B. Jordan ("Fruitvale Station") and Miles Teller ("The Spectacular Now"), star in this Zac Efron-led rom-com about guys trying to stay single. Look, we've all got bills to pay.



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Black History Month is not only a celebration of African-American achievements and events, but those of the entire African diaspora. Of course, one could use any excuse to celebrate great people, especially if one of those people is Lee "Scratch" Perry, one of the pioneers of reggae and dub. Even given the frequent Beastie Boys shout-outs, he's not as much of a name as Bob Marley, whose sound he helped forge. Indeed, it was only six years ago that he got his own fawning documentary, "The Upsetter: The Life and Music of Lee 'Scratch' Perry," which you can stream on our website.

Perry first got turned onto sound as an art form and obsession from listening to rocks being thrown at construction sites while growing up in rural Jamaica. He became one of the most prolific of the nation's music-makers, working not only with

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Lee "Scratch" Perry, a pioneer of reggae and dub, gets profiled in "The Upsetter." PROVIDED

Marley but with outsiders like The Clash and Linda McCartney. But the ones starstruck are The Clash and Linda McCartney; the real star, to those in the know, is Perry.

All this acclaim, of course, has given Perry a big head — a big, beautifully color-dyed head. "The Upsetter" hangs with him in his 70s, as he's ear-deep in a semi-comeback following the requisite music titan flame-out. Filmmakers Ethan Higbee and

Adam Bhala Lough obviously can't believe they're hanging out with this icon, and, as with anyone of his stature, that's a dangerous thing. Much of the running time finds Perry drunk on his own legend, rattling off tall-tale claims and propping himself up to absurd heights. But he's earned the right to be as crazy as he likes. As he talks endless crap and occasionally makes chill beats, you too won't mind being had. **MATT PRIGGE**

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As one of America's most versatile actors, Vera Farmiga is able to do small — including in her own film, "Higher Ground" — and much bigger, as in "The Departed" and last summer's "The Conjuring." (She also plays one of the most iconic bad mothers in the "Psycho" TV spinoff "Bates Motel.") In the deceptively light comedy "At Middleton," she and Andy Garcia play a pair of married strangers who ditch their kids during a college tour for a day of shenanigans and self-discovery. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

It's a bit odd to see you and your sister, Taissa Farmiga, playing mother and daughter.

I know, but she is like a daughter to me. As a matter of fact, I have a daughter named Gytta, and I will exchange their names all the time. And I like to think I've been like a surrogate mom to her in a way — a valid role model for what's scary, what's not, what it means to take risks and be positive and optimistic. For me, she was the only choice for the role. Had Andy not presented it, I would've pitched her immediately because I

VERA FARMIGA

The actress talks about playing parent to her younger sibling in "At Middleton."

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The level of nuance in the characterizations here is refreshing. They're both married, not necessarily the best at parenting, yet the film doesn't judge them.

I know, I know. It's actually quite dark underneath it all. I think that's the achievement of the piece, because you root for them. Complacency is the enabler of darker deeds. They don't necessarily play by the rules, but I think what matters is what they have learned. To me, in a loftier way, it kind of ponders this idea of: Is love a decision? Is it something you choose to do?

Films with this kind of contained time period are always fun.

Yeah, the deadline, I love that: just the one day. That one day is enough to make you bigger or smaller. Although there's so much swashbuckling to be had in that one 12-hour period — sunup to sundown.

want to work with her — not for, like, nepotistic reasons, but I genuinely think she's a formidable talent and she's got some raw, beautiful ability. She's unique. I had directed her and I knew her capacity within those scenes, but I wanted to share screen time with her. And this is the last sort of quality time we've probably had together.

Well, you're both very busy with TV shows [Taissa is on "American Horror Story"].

Yeah, yeah. I love it. I love "Bates" and I love the people that I work with. It's a formidable character. It's pretty cool. We've gotten closer and we challenge each other more. Everybody's more comfortable in their roles now, so I think season two is going to be pretty good, pretty vital.



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Farmiga, on the characters in "At Middleton."

TV watch list


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The cast of "Impractical Jokers," pictured here on "Conan," like a good laugh. / TURNER NEWSROOM

PRANK SHOW

'Impractical Jokers'

If you haven't checked out this prank show yet — get familiar. Comedy quartet The Tenderloins (a group of four lifelong buddies from Staten Island) push each other into increasingly embarrassing — and hilarious — situations via hidden cameras and earpieces. The sheer glee these dudes take in humiliating one another is contagious, and their

 pranks are actually pretty damn clever.
 10 P.M., TRUTV

COMEDY

'Rake'

Tonight, Annie Mumolo — who co-wrote "Bridesmaids" with Kristen Wiig — guest stars as a gambling addict. Greg Kinnear's Rake has to try to defend for fraud of an insurance company. What's not on trial? The fact that Mumolo is a very funny

 lady.
 9 P.M., FOX

COMPETITION

'King of the Nerds'

The title of tonight's episode of this competition for geek supremacy, is "To LARP or not to LARP." We're pretty sure the answer to that question, for a true nerd, is always "to LARP!"

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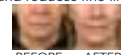
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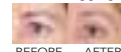
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Q&A

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I do. I really enjoy being on the runway. It's a very different part of my job compared to photo shoots. It's a performance similar to the ballet performances that I remember from growing up, so I enjoy runway shows because of that.

You practiced ballet for a long time. How did that prepare you for modelling?

Ballet was the best training I could have had for a modelling career. It teaches movement, gracefulness and how to express emotion. Telling a story through movement is very important in a modeling career.

Karlie Kloss is one of those rarefied models whom women obsess over and men lust after. And now her stock is so high, rumor has it she can only be booked for shows through special arrangement. We investigate.

Why did this season seem like the right time to cut down on your runway duties?

make?

I like the little things like making breakfast in bed or a nice foot rub or surprising someone with flowers. The little gestures mean much more than a big, extravagant kind of gift. So for me it's the little things that add up all year round.

What's the cheesiest line that you've received?

Hmm, cheesiest line: "Did

years old, so I haven't been on too many dates, and I have a boyfriend. That would be terrible to be stood up.

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Yeah, I do. I was definitely not planning on falling in love [with boyfriend Josh Kushner]. But I think that's the thing about it, you can't anticipate or plan it.

KARLIE KLOSS

The model talks runway season, that trademark walk and her inner hopeless romantic.

'I WASN'T PLANNING ON FALLING IN LOVE'

[New York] Fashion Week is just starting now, so you'll have to see where I pop up.

Valentine's Day is almost upon us. Do you buy into it or are you a cynic?

Well, I do. I like Valentine's Day. I like any excuse to show some warmth, love. I think that goes for not just your boyfriend or girlfriend but it's also an excuse to write a love note to your friends, your mom, anyone.

Are you a romantic?

I am. I am a romantic. And it's also a good holiday for good chocolate.

What gestures do you

Quoted

"I'm into sweatpants and my boyfriend's T-shirt. I like to be totally boring and watch football. There's no fancy lingerie."

Kloss, on dressing for days off

it hurt?" ("What?") "Did it hurt, angel, when you fell from heaven?" It's an automatic game-over.

Have you ever stood someone up or been stood up?

Um, let me think. No, I don't think so. I'm 21

You're photographed in lingerie a great deal — a look that men's magazines like to perpetuate as real-life. Is this the case?

No, I'm into sweatpants and my boyfriend's T-shirt. I like to be totally boring and watch football. There's no fancy lingerie. But on a special occasion like Valentine's Day, it's always fun to get dressed up, and that's why there's some good stuff at Victoria's Secret.

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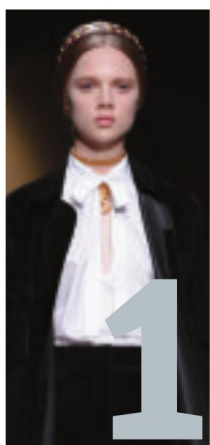


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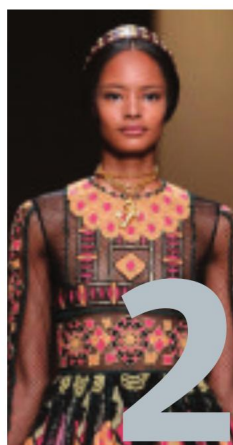
The fashion world is in search of the next Karlie Kloss or Cara Delevingne. Keep your eyes on these three; one of them might just be the new "it" girl of 2014.



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1 Holly Rose Emery
For spring/summer '14, Emery took on almost 30 shows — pretty good for her first ready-to-wear season. Highlights for the New Zealand-born teen included Chanel, Valentino and closing the Mulberry show. With her fresh-faced, full-lipped look that brings Lindsey Wixson to mind, we'll bet 2014 will see her in more than just a couple of editorial spreads.

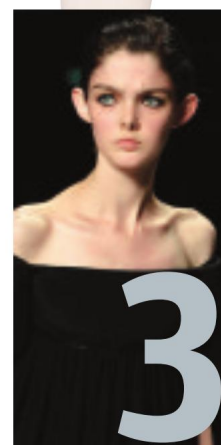
2 Malaika Firth
Taking spring/summer '14 by storm after her career-boosting Prada campaign, a show barely passed without



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Firth marching out on its catwalk. Adding extra diversity to a giant 54 shows in one season, the Kenyan-born gal had quite the fashion month, the highlight being opening and closing the revered Valentino show. Fall '14 is bound to be just as big.

3 Laura O'Grady
Handpicked as a world exclusive for Saint Laurent's spring/summer '14 show, Irish model O'Grady is undoubtedly going to be a top pick for fall '14 castings as they couldn't get their hands on her last season. Remember this face. **ALICE TATE**



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New acts to follow at NYFW

Designers. Look out for these labels in '14.

In New York, it's the emerging labels that are fast becoming some of the sexiest tickets of the week: because everyone wants to have been there when the new Prabal Gurung or Alex-

ander Wang was born. Take Tome, for example: The relatively young, New York-based brand barely had one season under its belt back in September, and yet word of mouth was strong enough that its show was heaving with industry majors including Jenna Lyons and top editors from Vogue and W. And that's just one

on an impressive list of up-and-comers worth watching closely. So that you can support them from the start, we've got the backstory on New York's soon-to-be giant names listed on the fall '14 show calendar.

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ADEAM

Fans of chic city separates, this label is talking to you. Two-year-old ADEAM is the product of Japanese-born, New York-based Hanako Maeda, who has taken her urban surroundings on board and channeled them into her modern label, by way of collared dresses, city shorts and pretty tailored twinsets.

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Public School



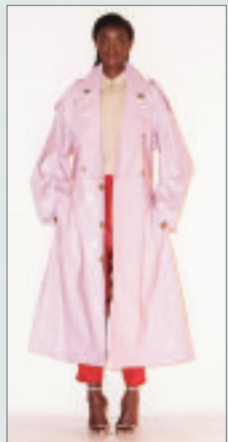
Cool menswear label Public School is expanding into womenswear, presenting its first collection this season. After relaunching their label in 2012, Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne have gone from win to

win. They scored love from the CFDA in 2013, winning both the CFDA Swarovski Award for menswear and the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Award. **Perfect for:** Earning style cred at the office and the gym.

Tome

Sydney natives Ryan Lobo and Ramon Martin certainly aren't newbies, but having spent the past few seasons refining their offering, they've earned a fixed place on the talent radar. Named as a CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund winner in 2013, their spring/summer '14 show presented a memorable collection of pastel PVC raincoats, pretty white slips and Grecian silhouettes. We've got high hopes for fall '14.

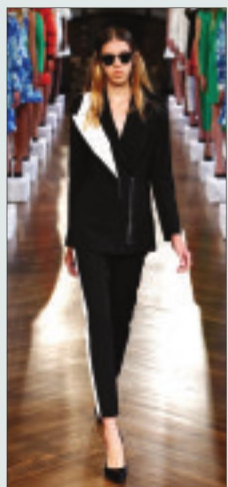
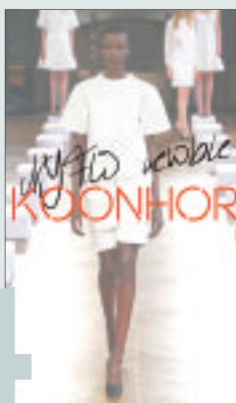
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Koonhor

Hot on the heels of Rag & Bone and Alexander Wang is Koonhor, the new solution to downtown style. Designing together since 2003 (and scoring their NYFW debut last season), Koon Lim and Catrine Thé grew up in Singapore and Indonesia, though you'd never guess. Their label screams "New York, New York!"

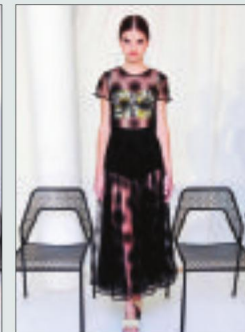
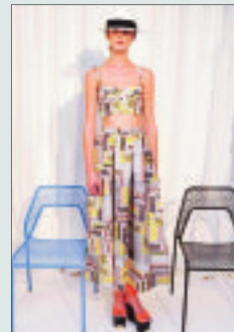
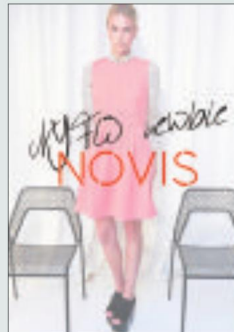
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Novis

Novis' designer Jordana Warmflash spent time under Zac Posen, Alice + Olivia and Peter Som before establishing her own label in 2012. And their influence shows. Designed and made in New York City, her pretty pieces float with femininity and elegance.

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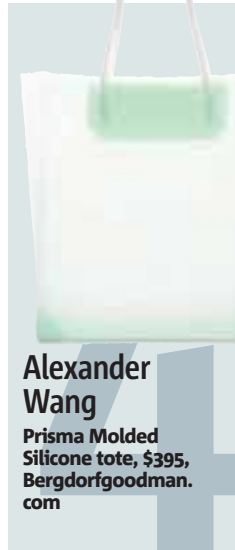
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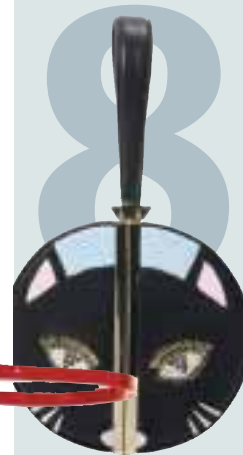
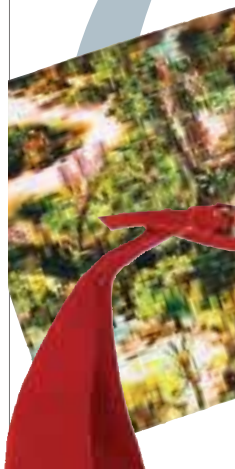
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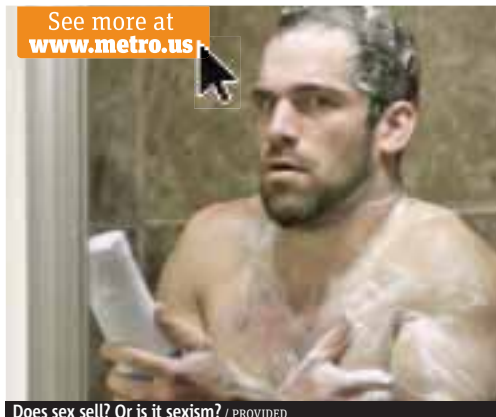
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This year's Super Bowl ads were nothing over-the-top, but the ad for Summer's Eve, the brand that makes douche products, used a marketing technique that is, uh, kind of douchey. In the ad, a guy mistakenly uses his girlfriend's special soap, flips his s—, then goes on a rampage: chopping wood, chugging raw eggs and performing other acts of strength and supposed "manliness." The idea is that he needs to "cancel out" whatever girl cooties he may have absorbed by using a pH-balanced, feminine hygiene soap.

The offensive thing about this commercial is that it would never work if the genders were reversed. Culturally it's okay (even cool) for girl to be like a "guy," but for guys, being like a "girl" isn't.

This is a problem. Pretty obviously it's demeaning to women. But aside from that, this kind of gender essentialism undermines our relationships. Given that sensitivity and emotion are things we are told are "girly," telling men not to be "girly" boils it all down too much. And it's not just Summer's Eve that is telling guys to "man up" — the reality is, this message is all over, in subtle and

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obvious ways.

Man or woman, we're all human, and we should be able to be in touch with all parts of ourselves — strong, aggressive, sensitive, caring, etc. These are all human traits, not traits attached to one sex or the other — though we may have learned to see them that way.

People who are in touch with all aspects of their personalities are not only more interesting, they make better partners.

Ladies often say they want to date sweet, sensitive, guys — but do we actually reward this type of behavior? Or are we betting on the "alpha male" stereotype, as Summer's Eve did? We want to

be emotionally supported in relationships, but when a guy opens up about his vulnerabilities, it's important that we see him as a sexy, complete person and not a "weak" guy. So many men around the country that I interviewed for "Are All Guys Assholes?" said they acted like assholes because they believed it was what girls wanted and if they were too nice or too sensitive, girls would be turned off.

They always say the most important thing in a relationship is to just be yourself. So let's stop telling men to wash off their feelings. While we're at it, maybe we can raise our standards for ads and they can get better, too.

The Hookup

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Amber Madison is a Manhattan-based licensed therapist and dating coach. She is the author of "Are All Guys Assholes?" for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter @ambermadi.



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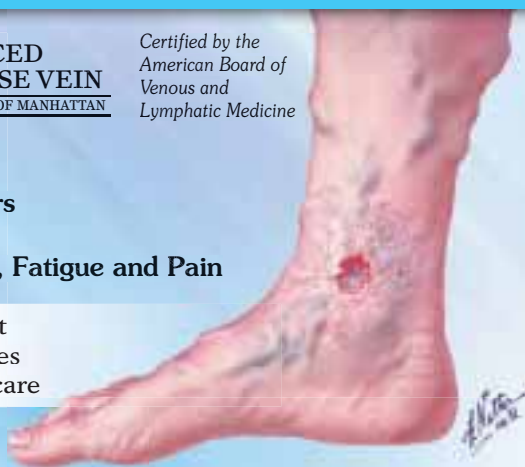
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YOU + DATA = LOVE

Some simple hacks can make your OkCupid profile much more successful, and there's data to prove it. / COLOURBOX

Code red. Math nerd Chris McKinlay was growing frustrated by his online search for love until he realized he was doing OkCupid all wrong.

Math, computer code and a bit of common sense are behind Chris McKinlay's love hacks. After sending messages into the abyss, he started receiving 10 OkCupid messages a day after "optimizing" his profile. Eighty-eight dates later, McKinlay met his future wife on the dating site and recently published his e-book "Optimal Cupid: Mastering the Hidden Logic of OkCupid."

Here are five OkCupid hacks that will help increase your match percentages with potential dates so you, too, can optimize your love life.

1 Choose and answer your questions wisely.

The questions on OkCupid have the greatest impact on your match percentages, so don't take them lightly. McKinlay's tip for people who want to increase their visibility and number of matches is to answer "non-divisive questions." What is a divisive question? It's a question that has a "throwaway answer." If a question has more than two answers, and one of the answers is unacceptable to you, then you have your divisive question. By accepting all other answers except for the unacceptable one, you broaden your chance for a match. Don't accept all answers: If you do that, then the question counts as "irrelevant" and is not a factor in calculating a match percentage. McKinlay says you can answer questions without a throwaway answer if they're important to you, but assign them a less important weight.

Double click

Be an active OkCupid user

OkCupid rewards users who log into the site and penalizes those who don't, tracking this with a bar that says whether a user "replies often," "replies selectively" or "replies rarely." McKinlay says users who don't log in will automatically have this bar reset to the desperate-seeming "replies often." More importantly, McKinlay points out that once he started clicking on every woman's profile who showed up as over a 90 percent match (using code), he was flooded with messages. No need to actually look at the profiles, he says — just open the window so they'll see you as someone who viewed their profile.

2 Assign the proper weight to your questions.

OkCupid allows you to select how important your potential mate's answer is to you: mandatory, very important, somewhat important, a little important or irrelevant. Basically, if you assigned an answer as "mandatory" and Person B selected your answer, the positive impact on your match score is much greater than if you had selected "somewhat important." The OkCupid blog explains that "mandatory" counts 250 times more than "a little important" toward your

match score. McKinlay writes that this doesn't mean you should assign everything as mandatory. Assign questions with three or more acceptable answers as mandatory, two acceptable answers as very important and one acceptable answer as somewhat important.

3 Find "hooks" for your profile.

Everyone knows you need some conversation pieces in your profile so people can ask you questions or point out common interests in messages. McKinlay calls these "hooks," and he says there's even an efficient way to find the best way to phrase them. Come up with a list of "hooks" (rock-climbing, writing, etc.) and run a search with these keywords — find out which ones are most popular among the people who have above a 90 percent match with you.

4 Check out the competition.

It doesn't take a math genius to figure this one out, but it does take a savvy online dater to think this up. McKinlay suggests temporarily changing the gender of your profile or making a fake one (if you are heterosexual) to see the top matches within your own gender — in other words, see who you're up against. Look at their profiles, photos and "hooks." What are you missing? Step up your game and see how you can stand out.



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T45 Midtown

(in the Hyatt Hotel

in Times Square)

Justin Biaggi

Age: 33

Originally from: The Bronx

Lives in: The Bronx

Interested in: Women

Hobbies: Writing, recording

and performing songs,

playing soccer, cooking

Drink I'd make to impress

a date: A classic called the

Queen's Park Swizzle — es-

sentially close to a mojito

Worst pickup line I've heard

at the bar: Two women

looked me up and down, and

one said to the other, "Hey!

Look at the tits on that guy!"

I followed up with "Ma'am,

they're called pecs." She then

said, "How rude of me, let

me take you to dinner!"

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The Raines Law Room

Lauren Davis

Age: 28

Originally from: Boston

Lives in: Prospect Heights,

Brooklyn

Interested in: Men

Hobbies: Champagne,

traveling, dogs

Drink I'd make to impress a

date: A classic Old Fashioned

Worst pickup line I've ever

heard at the bar: "Why

aren't you on the menu?"



Bo's Kitchen &

Bar Room

Jeremy Strawn



Age: 33

Originally from: Lubbock,

Texas

Lives in: Williamsburg

Interested in: Women

Hobbies: Tennis, golf,

learning about astronomy

Drink I'd make to impress a

date: People drink what they

drink — I am more curious

what she would order. If she

orders a vodka soda, that is

pretty blah. If she orders a

gin neat, she might be for

me. If they have good taste

and like gin or rye then I

would be happy to make

them a cocktail — probably

either a Final Ward or Last

Word.

Worst pickup line I've heard

at the bar: It was used by me

drunkenly one night: "Hey,

hey, you — stay there 'cause

I am gonna hit on you later."

Lido

Kory Mello

Age: 27

Originally from:

Massachusetts

Lives in: South Harlem

Interested in: Men

Hobbies: Independent film

and documentaries, search-

ing for NYC's best appetizer

sampler, traveling, Central

Park, the beach whenever

possible, tequila, balancing

both work and play in large

quantities

Drink I'd make to

impress a date:

Lido's Il Tigre

(bourbon,

benedictine,

lemon and

ginger)

Worst pickup

line I've heard at

the bar: "You must

make a lot of tips.

You should

buy me a

drink."



Lavo Italian Restaurant

Liz Ross

Age: 23

Originally from:

Laguna Beach,

California

Lives in:

Hell's Kitchen

Interested in:

Men

Hobbies: Yoga,

photography, traveling and

exploring new places, learning

another language, fashion, food, music,

art, people

Drink I'd make to impress a date: Dirty

Martini. I love a strong, classic drink!

Worst pickup line I've heard at the bar:

"I'm sure you've been asked this a million

times tonight..." Men often try to start a

conversation with me this way. If you are

going to hit on me, be confident about it!



American Whiskey

Duane Fernandez Jr.

Age: 38

Originally from: Brooklyn

Lives in: Harlem

Interested in: Men

Hobbies: Shopping, dining, rollerskating,

dancing, drinking whiskey

Drink I'd make to impress a date:

Classic Sazerac or a Tommy's Margarita

with St-Germain

Worst pickup

line I've heard

at the bar: My

guests have

made my bar

their second

home, so I will

never reveal

their foolish-

ness. But, I've

heard them all...



Fashion Plate Prix Fixe

The Lincoln Square Business Improvement District is offering its own set of dining promotions. For all of Fashion Week, 28 of the Upper West Side's renowned restaurants are offering a Fashion Plate Prix Fixe menu. For a list of participating eateries, visit www.lincolnsquarebid.org/fashionweek.

The Smith

**1900 Broadway,
212-496-5700**

The Smith is a casual American brasserie that offers breakfast, lunch, brunch and dinner menus with a selection of familiar bistro dishes. The three-course prix fixe lunch menu for Fashion Week is \$27, and breakfast comes with a free cocktail.

Cafe Luxembourg

**200 W. 70th St.,
212-873-7411**



Cafe Luxembourg, with its own prix fixe menu for both breakfast and lunch, is also offering a special cocktail. The Sparkling Grapefruit — French grapefruit liqueur with fresh grapefruit juice and prosecco — is being served with breakfast, brunch and lunch.

Andanada

**141 W. 69th St.,
646-692-8762**

Spanish tapas restaurant Andanada has a three-course prix fixe dinner for Fashion Week (\$38). It also offers a late-night happy hour Thursday through Saturday from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Haute cuisine

Fashion Week.

These restaurants are rolling out their own red carpets with special menus.

Triomphe

**49 W. 44th St.,
212-453-4233**

The three-course lunch (\$45) features, among other dishes, East Coast oysters and roasted root vegetables.

Harlow

**111 E. 56th St.,
212-935-6600**

Escape the crowds and paparazzi of Lincoln Center and indulge in Harlow's \$35 prix-fixe Fashion Week lunch menu. Offerings include a cream of kabocha squash soup, salmon with



Harlow's lamb meatballs will be on its prix fixe menu. / HARLOW

chipotle corn, Asian pear and cilantro salad plus panna cotta.

Sirio Ristorante

**795 Fifth Ave.,
212-940-8195**

Conveniently located across the park from Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week, Sirio will offer special menus throughout the week. Executive chef Massimo Bebbler will be whipping up three-course prix fixe menus for lunch (\$45)

and dinner (\$65), perfect for powering through the tents in the afternoon or unwinding in the evening after a long day of shows.

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Restaurant notes

Celebrate Chinese New Year

The Year of the Horse is officially here, and you can indulge in some decadent Chinese fare this weekend to celebrate. On Saturday, **Buddakan** (75 Ninth Ave., 212-989-6699) hosts a dumpling-making class with its chefs (\$85); on Sunday, the restaurant is having its second annual three-course dim sum brunch (\$55). **Hakkasan** (311 W. 43rd St., 212-776-1818) is also getting in on the action with a limited a la carte menu and Year of the Horse hand-painted macarons for all guests.



Everyone gets a hand-painted macaron at Hakkasan. HAKKASAN NEW YORK

and lots of beer.

Party city

The Village Voice's seventh annual **Choice Eats** event — currently boasting 47 restaurants — is coming up on March 25 at Basketball City, but general admission tickets (\$60) are selling out quick. Edi & The Wolf, Oddfellows Ice Cream Co., Robicelli's and Queen's Comfort are just

some of the participating eateries. Buy tickets at www.villagevoice.com/choiceeats.

Curtain call

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The Empire strikes back

Hot chef. Amanda Freitag is at the helm of the newly renovated Empire Diner.

Opening a highly anticipated, revamped diner in an iconic space (left empty for the past few years) in the middle of winter is no easy feat, but somehow Amanda Freitag rose to the occasion. Seeing the chef (formerly of The Harrison in Tribeca and more recently as a judge on Food Network's "Chopped") at the brand-new Empire Diner, you'd swear she cloned herself. One minute she's on the line, executing dinner orders and keeping a close eye on every dish coming out of the kitchen, and the next she's greeting patrons at the bar and rubbing shoulders with Chelsea neighbors in a booth.

OK, so maybe there really is just one of her, but Freitag is everywhere all at once — albeit in the Art Deco space revamped by Groundswell Design Group, steps away from the High Line. The joint has a throwback look (think channel booths and a honeycomb floor) and seating for 75 indoors; come springtime the sidewalk seating will accommodate an additional 75, and the restaurant will begin serving lunch and brunch.

We caught up with Freitag and talked comfort food and feeding her West Chelsea neighbors.

What is something you didn't anticipate happening during this opening?

Already having regulars after a week of being open! We already [had] people coming in two or three times after being open a week.

Bonus question

Who are you most excited to see come through the doors of Empire Diner?

Any chef friends and any of my "Chopped" cohorts. Geoffrey Zakarian's already been in; Marco Canora lives in the neighborhood and came by. For me, it's exciting to have chef friends coming in, supporting me and giving good feedback.

Do you think they're coming in because you're in a cool, new local spot or from seeing you on Food Network?

I think that everyone's so excited that the Empire Diner is back open. That's definitely the vibe I've been getting.

What is the hottest menu item at the diner so far?

What is really cool is that the two highest-selling items after the first week [were] octopus and the burger. To me, that means everyone's getting it. It's exactly what I wanted for the new definition of the modern diner.

Looking ahead to the coming season, what are you excited to add to the menu?

Spring vegetables! Any vegetable that's not a root vegetable. It's really hard to make an opening menu in January. I'm looking forward to [adding] some healthier items, and opening for lunch and making really fun sandwiches and big, loaded salads.

What do you anticipate never taking off the menu?

Pancakes are never coming off that menu, ever, and the patty melt is here to stay.



Visit Freitag at Empire Diner (210 10th Ave., 212-596-7523). / PROVIDED

As a Chelsea resident yourself, do you have any favorite haunts?

Yes! I go to Cookshop all the time. ... I go to Westville pretty often, and I go to Foragers a lot. I buy

their roast chicken when I don't want to make my own.

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Bar Food Blowout with Dale Talde's Pork Slope with Maharlika and Jeepney

Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Pork Slope,
247 Fifth Ave., Park Slope
\$20, 718-768-7675
www.porkslopebrooklyn.com
Chef Miguel Trinidad of Maharlika and Jeepney sets up shop at Pork Slope alongside Dale Talde for a night of delicious Filipino grub. DJ Radical Dads will provide the tunes while Nicky Digital shoots the action. The \$20 price tag

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Last year's Westminster Kennel Club winner was the adorable Banana Joe. / GETTY IMAGES

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includes a big plate of food and a "Slippery Slope" — a Brooklyn Lager and a shot of Power's Whiskey. How many "Slippery Slopes" can you ride before hitting the floor? It's worth finding out.

ART

City as Canvas: Graffiti Art from the Martin Wong Collection

Thursday-Aug. 24, 10 a.m.
Museum of the City of New York,
1220 Fifth Ave.
\$10 suggested admission
212-534-1672
www.mcny.org
Explore one of NYC's greatest art forms through the lens of graffiti photographers who captured tags that have long been washed away. There also will be paintings and sketches from many of the original artists, like DAZE (Chris Ellis), DONDI (Donald White), FUTURA 2000 and more. But don't actually tag anything at the museum, that's not cool.

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LECTURE

Brainwave: The Actor Giancarlo Esposito + Neuroscientist Moran Cerf

Saturday, 6 p.m.; Rubin Museum of Art, 150 W. 17th St.; \$20, 212-620-5000; www.rmanyc.org
Actor Giancarlo Esposito ("Do the Right Thing," "The Usual Suspects," "Breaking Bad") chats with neuroscientist Moran Cerf about the benefits of meditation, how it's changed his personal life and how it's impacted his professional career. The conversation will follow a screening of the short "On Meditation," and is part of a series exploring mind over matter. Jeez, if only Gus Fring was a fan of meditating, maybe all those killings wouldn't have happened.



Meditation is the key to actor Giancarlo Esposito's cool demeanor. / GETTY IMAGES

Annual Athena Film Festival

Thursday-Feb. 9
Barnard College,
3009 Broadway
\$12-\$65, 212-854-1264
www.athenafilmfestival.com
The 2014 Athena Film Festival is here to honor amazing women in the film industry, showcasing films that explore women's leadership in life and fiction. In addition to films, there will be Q&As with directors, producers and actors as well as activities for filmmakers.

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Lunar New Year Celebration 2014

Feb. 9, 2 p.m.
Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, Music Hall
1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island
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www.snug-harbor.org
Ring in the year of the horse with some hip hop and traditional Chinese dance, including the Red Ribbon Dance, the Sword Dance, the Double Fan Dance and the Lion Dance. Will there be a horse dance? The humpty dance? We don't know, but let's hope! Plus, Snug Harbor's New York Chinese Scholar's Garden will be open with free admission from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

CUTE DOGS

2013 Best In Show Dog Making Appearance in Union Square

Saturday, Noon
Union Square Petco,
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Banana Joe, the 2013 Westmin-

ster Kennel Club "Best In Show" winner, will be making a rare appearance at the Union Square Petco to meet and pose for photos with his fans. Before they crown the 2014 winner on February 11, the Affenpinscher wants to remind fans why he beat out 2,000 other pooches last year. Don't expect any autographs — he's got paws, not fingers.

THEATER

The Pajama Men "Just the Two of Each of Us"

Feb. 11-Feb. 16, 18-23, 7 p.m.
SubCulture,
45 Bleecker St.
\$29.75-\$34.75, 212-533-5470
www.subculturenewyork.com
The Pajama Men bring their hit show from a monthlong residency in D.C. here for a short NYC run. See Joan the spider-eating woman try to be cool, a girl on the hunt for her missing arm and a king with 700 years to figure his life out. Watch the clever duo craft these caricatures without the use of any props or costumes, only their PJs.

Pilgrims of the Night

Saturday-Feb. 9, 8 p.m.
CSV Center,
107 Suffolk St.
\$25-\$50, 212-260-4080
www.csvcenter.org
What do you do if you're trapped in a ferry terminal with no food, electricity or cell phone signal during a storm? Something that involves zombie dancing, and tales of adultery and biblical floods. Join the staff of NYC catering company Great Performances (aka 90 Square Arts) for this performance to raise money for The Sylvia Center — a nonprofit that teaches children to cook and eat well. All proceeds will be donated. ZOMBIE DANCES!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Sugartooth's Sweeter Than Sugar Valentine's Tour

Saturday-Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.
Chelsea
\$50-\$70, 917-856-6761
www.sugartoothtours.com
Don't spend another Valentine's at the same old restaurant, eating the same old food, carrying the same old roses. This year, take a tour of six of the sweetest dessert destinations, while receiving a lesson in culinary culture. Not only will you be filling up on some of the best NYC sweets but you'll be walking it off at the same time — the tour is a mile and a half! Leave that cheesy heart-shaped box of candy at home. JAY HONSTETTER

Horoscope

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Investments will pay off. Fixing up something you want to sell will add to its value and give you a seller's advantage.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Participate in community events to develop new friendships. A journey that takes you somewhere will be enlightening.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Discuss your plans with someone you respect or trust and you will find a way to make your dreams come true. Taking on too much will deter progress.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Consider how you can make a relationship better. Special plans will help bring you closer to the one you love.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Look for ways to get ahead. Lady Luck is in your corner so take advantage of a moneymaking endeavor.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Participate in something in order to make connections. Trips will prove eye-opening and adventurous. Friends will help bring greater clarity to a situation that you've been questioning.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Don't make unrealistic gestures. Think twice before you retaliate. Make sure you have the correct facts.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Mixing and mingling will bring you satisfaction and greater confidence. Your social attributes will put you in a good position, resulting in popularity.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Invest in your skills, talent and knowledge, and you will raise your profile. Instigate a move and make decisions that will allow you freedom to explore.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Emotions will escalate if you have ignored a situation that can affect your personal life. Don't overreact.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Throw a creative slant into the mix when it comes to your work, and you will outshine any competition you encounter.

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Letters

Putin on a bad show

Most of us are too young to remember the 1936 summer Olympics held in Nazi Germany. Hitler saw these games as a chance to show the world what a supreme race could do, not only on the field but also in governance. Luckily for the world there was a young man participating in the games named Jesse Owens. Jesse was an African-American track athlete who walked away from the event with four gold medals, outperforming every other athlete at the games that year and disproving Hitler's backward theories of race supremacy.

As of late, Putin has taken his new-found Olympic stardom to promote hatred and violence against homosexuals. Also, only under the threat of looking like a total tyrant to the world he recently released a few political dissidents that he had been imprisoning illegally. Let us not support this man and his grab for power.

Let us not buy into the politics that are being sewn into the games.

MICHAEL ROMANI, VIA EMAIL

Honor the saint, not your causes

Re: 'Mayor to boycott St. Pats Parade for LGBT policy' (Metro, Feb. 5) I have to agree with the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day parade. The intent is to honor St. Patrick and all Irish-Americans. I would assume that progress with anti-discrimination would include the fact that we aren't constantly identified by our sexual preferences, but rather who we are as a person. All people are welcome to march in the parade. Just because they aren't identified by who they prefer to sleep with should not be an issue.

PATTIE SPUMA, VIA EMAIL

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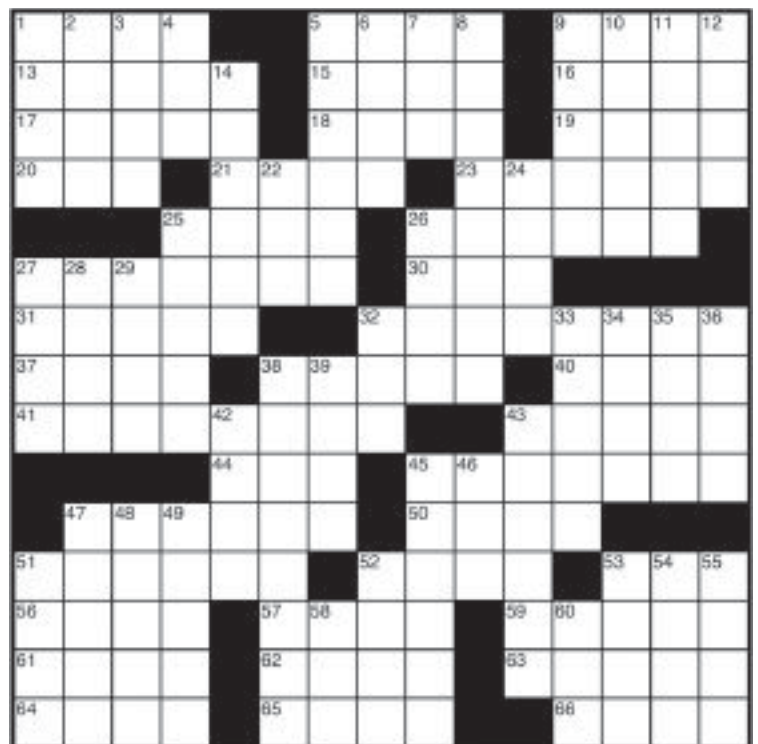
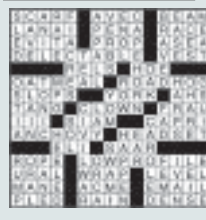
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- 26 Mustard or mayo
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- 37 Con
- 38 Bonkers
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- 41 Doubt
- 43 Cloud formations
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Becks in Miami

MLS grants team to Beckham

David Beckham retired from soccer last year, but he'll still be involved with the game in the U.S. going forward. Major League Soccer announced Beckham had exercised an option he owns to start a franchise in Miami. The team is scheduled to join the league by 2020 and Beckham will now discuss building a new stadium with local officials.



Watch online



Find video and recap of Wednesday night's Knicks-Trail Blazers game at: Metro.us/sports.

New York getting Bullish

As the Red Bulls start training camp this week, we look at the Top 5 stories facing the team in the upcoming season.

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There were no major offseason overhauls following the Red Bulls' first-ever season with hardware. Instead, the team looked to add depth for what will be a very busy 2014 season.

The Red Bulls captured their first major trophy in franchise history last year, taking the Supporters Shield for the best record in MLS. As such, sporting director Andy Roxburgh and head coach Mike Petke worked on a tight budget under the league's strict salary cap and sought to round out their roster with mid-priced acquisitions.

The Red Bulls do have a grueling MLS season, plus they will participate in the CONCACAF Champions League and the U.S. Open Cup this year, making for a crowded schedule. Their depth will be further tested with the likely loss of Tim Cahill (Australia) and Roy Miller (Costa Rica) in this summer's World Cup.

"Of course it's going to challenge our depth and it's going to come down to me communicating with the players," Petke said. "And if we have a mid-week game and a Champions League, or an Open Cup game and then a game on the weekend, players will be rotated and it really is not going to come down to all the time what's more important — it's going to be what's necessary. So it's going to be a challenge but I think we're up for this challenge."



Playing with Henry

It is a given that Thierry Henry will be one of the starting forwards this year, in what will be his final year under contract in MLS. But who partners with him is a mystery.

Bradley Wright-Phillips, acquired last summer, showed flashes but didn't produce much and Peguy Luyindula looked better suited for the midfield.

Perhaps midfielder Tim Cahill, strong in the air and with great movement, is the most logical fit. He has been very effective up top in the past and would be required to do less running as a forward than in the midfield.

Convey's role

Bobby Convey, acquired in a trade this offseason, brings World Cup experience and plenty of seasons in MLS to New York.

But while he has made his living at left midfield, he told reporters recently he also can be used in the center of the midfield for the Red Bulls and that the coaching staff seems to like him there. Convey's versatility and international experience can only be an asset to the club this year, no matter the position.



The right back battle

The difficult decision was made this offseason to release Brandon Barklage, the athletic right back who had been the starter for the better part of the past two seasons.

Kosuke Kimura, 29, returns as depth at the position but he will be



KIMURA PLAYED IN 24 GAMES FOR THE RED BULLS IN 2013.

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strongly challenged for the starting job by the recently acquired Richard Eckersley.

The Englishman is solid and knows MLS well, with 92 appearances in the past three seasons. He is relatively solid defensively and moves well into the attack.



Luis Robles was an afterthought for the Red Bulls last year, but ended up having a breakout season. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Robles returns

Goalkeeper Luis Robles really came into his own with the Red Bulls, finishing third in the league in saves last year.

He has a healthy Ryan Meara to challenge him from the get-go this year, but Robles should have the nod heading into preseason.

"Nothing changed for me," Robles said. "I just

want to help the team whatever way I can."

A source tells Metro the U.S. national team is tracking Robles and has been in contact with club management about him. More strong play and he could be well-positioned for a call-up in the next year — one in which the World Cup will be held.



Ibrahim Sekagya was a midseason transfer from sister club Red Bull Salzburg last year. / GETTY IMAGES

Sekagya's second impression

It is definitely too late to make a first impression — with a bad give-away in the playoffs playing a large part in the Red Bulls' exit last year — but this preseason is crucial for Ugandan international Ibrahim Sekagya.

He never had a

chance to acclimate with the team after being signed midseason and appeared rusty.

But this year he will enter as one of two starting centerbacks so the margin of error will be slim. He must be rock solid from the start — or his future with the Red Bulls could be in question.

NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

No. 1

Ducks (40-13-5)

The Ducks are scuffling a bit, though there's no cause for alarm. They've lost their last two and are 5-5-0 in their last 10 games. Still, Anaheim has three more points than Western Conference second-place team Chicago in the same amount of games so the Ducks remain the top team in the last week of action before teams hit the Olympic break.



No. 12

Kings (30-22-6)

Everyone respects the Kings, but they are in serious trouble. They are 1-8-1 in their last 10 games and they've lost four straight.



More rankings

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No. 13

Rangers (31-23-3)

The Rangers are playing good hockey. They are 7-3-0 in their last 10 games and they've won four in a row.



No. 2

Blues (37-12-6)

Ottawa's 5-4 win in St. Louis Tuesday night was a big moment for the East. The Blues were 9-0-1 against the East at home.



No. 7

Avalanche (36-15-5)

If Patrick Roy isn't the NHL Coach of the Year, there should be a federal investigation. Roy has turned around the franchise.



No. 3

Blackhawks (34-10-14)

Chicago was the first team to score 200-plus goals this season and look like a lock to lead the NHL in that category in 2013-14.



No. 8

Lightning (32-19-5)

Of course, after jumping on the Roy bandwagon, we have to admit Tampa Bay head coach Jon Cooper would be a worthy choice.



No. 14

Jackets (29-23-4)

Columbus is 7-3-0 in their last 10 games. Having a healthy Sergei Bobrovsky and Nathan Horton changes everything.



No. 15

Flyers (28-23-6)

Philly's 5-2 win at San Jose on Monday had to be their most impressive two points of the season. They host Colorado Thursday.



No. 4

Penguins (39-15-2)

A rematch of Pittsburgh and Boston in the Eastern Conference finals seems to be more and more likely this spring.



No. 9

Wild (30-21-7)

If Rodney Dangerfield was still alive, he'd probably be a big fan of the Wild because they get zero respect.



No. 16

Stars (26-21-9)

Dallas has won its last two games but playing at San Jose and hosting Phoenix won't be an easy way to go into the break.



No. 5

Bruins (36-16-3)

No top team has been as good as the Bruins of late. The B's have allowed the fewest goals in the NHL.



No. 10

Leafs (30-22-6)

Toronto's 4-1 loss at Florida Tuesday was painful, but the Leafs are still 7-2-1 in their last 10.



No. 6

Sharks (35-16-6)

The Ducks are nine points ahead of the Sharks, who are 10 points in front of L.A., so the pecking order in the Pacific seems set.



No. 11

Canadiens (30-21-6)

Montreal's sound 4-1 win over Boston last Thursday at TD Garden was shocking in how one-sided it turned out to be.



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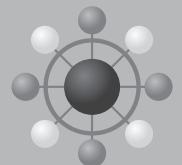
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